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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - DPRK NUCLEAR PROGRAM
SHUTDOWN, DEFENSE SECRETARY GATES' VISIT TO CHINA, AND
UNREST IN PAKISTAN

LEAD STORIES: Top stories on Thursday morning include
opposition DPJ President Ozawa's informal decision to
withdraw his offer to step down.

[1](#)1. "Nuclear Disablement Alone Is Not Enough" The
business-oriented Nikkei editorialized (11/7):
"Disablement of the nuclear facilities at Yongbyon has
finally started.... However, it will be necessary to
dismantle them in order to realize the ultimate goal of
denuclearizing North Korea. Disablement is just a
stepping stone on the path toward denuclearization....
Another pillar in the 'second phase' of
denuclearization is to have North Korea declare all of
its nuclear programs by year's end. Pyongyang needs to
disclose the amount of plutonium it has extracted,
which is believed to be about 30-50 kg, and the number
of nuclear bombs it has, and well as to provide details
about its alleged uranium enrichment program. North
Korea needs to present a sincere attitude on this
front."

[1](#)2. "Confidence-Building Measures with Taiwan Also
Necessary" The conservative Sankei wrote (11/7):
"Defense Secretary Gates agreed with his Chinese
counterpart Cao on the establishment of a hotline
between the two militaries. This will be the first
hotline to be set up between China and another country.
The emergency communication channel is expected to
build confidence between the two military powers and to
avoid the accidental outbreak of a conflict. China is
also considering creating similar channels with Japan
and South Korea. It would be desirable for Beijing to
also open a military hotline with Taiwan, as there
remains the possibility of a cross-straits war....

China's new attitude is praiseworthy, but it is not enough. Secretary Gates called on Chinese Defense Minister Cao to increase transparency in the nation's defense budget and provide reasons for his country's rapid military buildup. If the Hu administration truly hopes to realize 'peaceful development' and the 'creation of a harmonized world,' it should sincerely respond to Gates' call."

13. "Strong-arm Tactics Cannot Break Impasse" The top circulation, moderate Yomiuri stated (11/7): "By declaring a state of emergency, Pakistani President Musharraf has embarked on a risky course that may lead to self-destruction.... Pakistan is on the frontline in the war on terrorism and is a nuclear power. If it were to slide into chaos, that would have serious repercussions on the international situation. It has become necessary for the international community to do something in order to assure stability in Pakistan.... The legitimacy of Musharraf, who took power eight years ago in a coup, has been further eroded following the government's recent strong-arm measures. If he wants to restore his government's legitimacy and to win back the hearts and minds of the Pakistani people, there is only one option available for him. He must proceed with transferring power to civilian authorities."

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